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Alexeev, the Martyr

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"There is a close resemblance between the nature of the Soviet power and the beast of Revelation, chapter thirteen and verse seven."

IN THE SUMMER of 1911 it was my privilege to act as interpreter for a group of Russian brethren who came to the Baptist World Alliance which met in Philadelphia. They were the guests of the British delegation. Among them were the two prominent leaders of Russian New Testament Christians, Pavloff and Alexeev.

Both were gifted orators, well educated, and impressive in appearance. They pleaded earnestly for steadfastness in the faith and urged a solid front in the face of growing scepticism and modernism which had already made its appearance in some sessions of that great gathering. Other members of the Russian delegation whose messages I interpreted were equally fervent and resolute. Their preaching always bore a triumphant note. In spite of the fact that many of them had spent decades in Siberian prisons, they showed no signs of fatigue or defeatism.

The Russian group then was invited to the White House, where they were cordially welcomed by President Taft. They also were received at the Capitol by Vice President Sherman and Speaker Champ Clark. I interpreted several testimonies and greetings brought by the delegation. They possessed fine personalities and their manners were genteel. They won the admiration of all who heard them. We visited many Churches in Washington and throughout the East.

Alexeev became my warm friend. For several years we kept up a most pleasant correspondence. It was Alexeev who gave my address to Nicolai Zelinski when I was dean of a Minnesota college. This eventually resulted in bringing Zelinski to the United States where he ended his days as the active pastor of a congregation of Russian refugees at Bryte, California.

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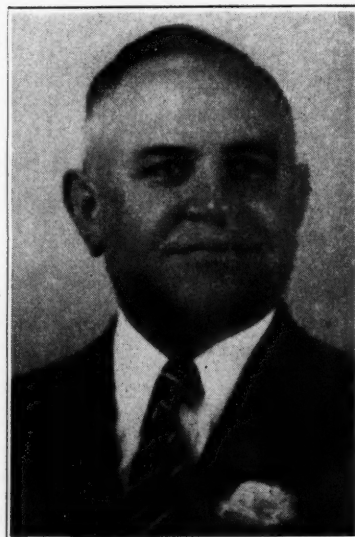
ALEXI NIKITICH ALEXEEV was a native of Piatigorsk in the Caucasus. The tragic story of his martyrdom was told me by the family of Nicolai Zelinski.

As a young man, Alexeev had been

banished to Siberia during the Czar's regime. Because of his preaching, he also became a victim of Bolshevik persecution.

In spite of persecution and years of imprisonment, he became one of Russia's most successful evangelists. He also was a successful agriculturist. Zelinski, together with Alexeev and their families, fled the revolution and terrorism which came to the peaceable Christian settlements in Siberia at the close of World War I. They went to Outer Mongolia and later to the Urga Republic where they prospered because of the introduction of advanced methods of agriculture.

There is a close resemblance between the nature of the Soviet power and the beast of Revelation, chapter thirteen and verse seven. This power which makes "war against the saints" has developed in a phenomenal way. It is still gaining in influence in many parts of the earth. We are witnessing ominous trends in our own



Dr. Patmont

beloved America. A clash between the intellectuals of the liberal and the conservative schools is now in progress, the outcome of which may eventually threaten the balance of power of democratic government. A turn to the left will endanger the whole structure of American government and produce a type of rule which has brought disaster to millions in Russia, and which is attempting to deal a death blow to the Church of Christ. Let Christians be admonished to stand firm in this "hour of temptation," which has befallen the whole world.

The martyrdom of Alexeev serves as an example of the ferocity of this forerunner of the beast of the Apocalypse. This writer has witnessed like incidents on his tours through the Soviet Union, and has brought with him many telling photographs which furnish irrefutable evidence in support of these claims.

When the Bolsheviks penetrated into Outer Mongolia these two Christian leaders and their families were forced to flee once more. Zelinski eventually reached Darien, where he was able to secure passage to the new world, but Alexeev returned to his church in Minosinsk. Many Christian believers then lived in the Enisei region. Their settlements were located on both sides of the river where they had established scores of Churches.

During the Kerensky regime which followed the overthrow of the Czar's government, evangelical Christians, Baptists, Pentecostals and others, enjoyed a brief rest from persecution. The revival which followed reached every part of the vast Russian domain. Alexeev was elected a member of the new Duma and accorded many honors by the new government under Kerensky. He was also chosen to be a member of the World Peace Conference at London.

However, the period of freedom was of short duration. The Bolshevik Revolution succeeded in gaining ground in European Russia. The Denikin and Yudenich armies were defeated. The forces of

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Persecuted Preachers

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

"Communism is anti-Christ. Bible believing Christians exalt Christ and therefore become natural enemies of the state where it gains control."

A CHURCH EDIFICE stands in the city of Rome, built during the fifth century, in which there are frescoes that record the persecution of Christians a short time earlier.

One fresco shows a soldier in the act of cutting off the tongue of a Christian for using his voice in defense of the Faith. The description accompanying the portrayal is as follows: "Those who talked . . . had their tongues cut off."

Other incidents include a Christian woman's breasts being torn by hooks . . . a preacher named Artemius crushed between huge stones . . . and another preacher cut to shreds with swords.

Scenes of barbarism are being re-enacted in Europe and Asia where beasts of Bolshevism exercise authority. Their attitude toward Christianity was stated by Lunacharsky, Jewish Soviet Minister of Education, in *Izvestia*, a Moscow newspaper:

"We hate Christianity and the Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. What we want is hatred. We must know how to hate for only thus shall we conquer the world."

A congressman from Nevada gave the right description a few days ago when he

said that Communism was a product of the "forces of anti-Christ."

Reds cannot operate in a genuinely Christian climate. They fear and hate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They must therefore abolish freedom of worship and destroy loyal Gospel preachers.

Communism is anti-Christ. Bible-believing Christians exalt Christ and therefore become natural enemies of the state where it gains control.

According to Statesman's Year Book, there were 8,371 Protestants in Bulgaria at the time of the last census. But even this small minority frightened the Kremlin.

There are 138 preachers in the Country and as this *Defender* goes to press, one-third are under arrest. Fifteen are facing judgment before a Soviet court, with other "trials," (so-called) to follow. Preachers are being made scapegoats.

Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Pentecostal and other smaller groups

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formed a fellowship a few years ago called the United Evangelical Churches. The organization is guided by a Council consisting of 12 members—pastors chosen by their respective denominations. In an effort to sever the head from the body, Soviet authorities arrested all 12 at a single stroke, added three others, and announced the purge trial now in progress.

Communists occupy the key posts of all the governments taken over by Russia since the war. It is a striking fact that leaders were trained, ready and waiting in every Country. How was this possible?

The question is answered by something that transpired a while back in an American army camp. The captain told a group of enlisted men that he was ready to give them a lesson on dismantling and assembling a machine gun.

A soldier stepped forward and said: "Let me try my hand at taking it apart."

The captain consented. Only a few minutes were required for the soldier to dismantle the complicated mechanism and put it back together again.

"Where did you learn how to do that?" asked the captain. "When I was a student at the International Lenin School of Moscow," replied the soldier.

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It developed that the young man had been formerly a member of the Communist Party. He was sent to Moscow for a course of training in the technique of revolution. While there he became disillusioned, and returning home, withdrew from the organization. But he remembered how to handle a machine gun. They taught him this as part of his training for future street fighting in America.

There is no way of knowing how many hundreds, or perhaps thousands of men and women, have gone from the United States to be trained as leaders of revolution. These misguided people are now in our midst, working underground, fomenting hatreds against Christianity and democratic government, living in anticipation of a time when power to govern will be placed in their hands.

Members of the Communist Party from all parts of the world have attended the Lenin School. The curriculum has al-

ways included instruction for weakening Churches and undermining the Christian religion. The persecution of preachers in Europe is being carried on according to a master plan.

In Hungary . . . Bishop Lajos Ordass of the Lutheran Church, was arrested last year. Refusing to confess crimes never committed, thereby denying Soviet authorities the morbid joy of staging a purge trial, he continues to languish in prison. Efforts to break him down through torture have thus far failed.

Ferenc Nagy, a Presbyterian and former Premier of Hungary, now an exile in the United States, had to flee for his life. His successor was trained in Moscow for the task of ruling the Country.

Cardinal Mindszenty, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary, was held in a cell 38 days between his arrest and appearance in court — at which time he made fantastic confessions that seemed to satisfy his persecutors. The Cardinal's prison experience completely changed him. The Pope said that his physical appear-

ance in court was "inexplicable except as a result of a secret influence."

In Latvia . . . the plight of Christians is illustrated by the tragedy of Rev. Robert Fetler, a Baptist.

Mr. Fetler was pastor of a large Church and head of a Bible School in the city of Riga. Commodious buildings were erected under his ministry. The Gospel was preached. The Bible was taught.

Communist hordes swept into Latvia after the war. The red underground came to the surface. Leaders, obedient to Moscow, took over the government. Preachers began to be persecuted, especially Lutherans, Evangelicals and Baptists. They were accused of counter-revolutionary activity. It is true, of course, that Christianity runs counter to the entire Communist program of world aggression.

Mr. Fetler's property was confiscated. He, his wife and children were loaded into a vehicle, and driven over the cobblestone pavements of Riga, not to be heard from again. That was more than four years ago.

In Rumania . . . Communist leaders recently enacted a set of laws imposing stringent regulations upon all Christian groups. This has served to frighten believers away from their customary places of worship.

The Soviet government has taken control of all Church property and presides over religious finances. New parishes can be established only with Communist permission. The five Bishops of Rumania's Greek Catholic Church are under arrest. It is estimated that no less than 600 priests are in prison.

In Poland . . . reliable reports indicate that the respite from persecution has ended. Approximately 400 priests disappeared during December, January and February, as if swallowed by the earth. The Church of Rome feels the force of the attack more than other groups because the Country is traditionally Catholic.

Bishop Adamski sent a pastoral letter to parents about the middle of February, suggesting that parents "oppose by all peaceful methods all attempts to deprive your children of religious instruction." Six priests who dared read the letter publicly were immediately arrested.

In Czechoslovakia . . . the authorities are launching a vigorous assault against both Protestants and Catholics.

Jonathan Perkins

JONATHAN PERKINS is the name of a man who has over a period of years made a practice of securing positions with persons in public life . . . only to betray them, usually by offering something for sale to their enemies.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson was one of his early victims. Paul Rader, W. B. Hogg, Martin Luther Thomas, Louis Talbot and others have also been on his list at one time or another.

One Sunday morning, a few years ago, Charles Fuller of the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour," was scheduled to preach in the Church of the Open Door, at Los Angeles. Every person entering the building was handed a piece of scurrilous literature, published by Perkins, attacking the personal character of the well known radio preacher. It is to be questioned if a more malicious falsehood was ever invented.

Perkins next showed up in Springfield, Missouri as an employee at the Assemblies of God headquarters. He wrote a book a short time later attacking the characters of two of the organization's leaders and prevailed upon J. Frank Norris to publish it.

When Mr. Norris learned the facts he had remaining copies of the edition burned. Motion pictures were taken of the bonfire to satisfy the men who had been slandered in its pages.

Perkins later tried to form a connection with the Defenders' organization but his "services" were rejected. On three different occasions he asked (in writing) for (1) free use of "the back page of The Defender" to advertise his wares, (2) "five hundred dollars" to help finance a questionable venture and (3) "some expense money."

All three requests were denied.

Thereupon, he began rehashing the charges of L. M. Birkhead's so-called "Friends of Democracy" against the Editor of The Defender . . . which charges have been proved utterly false.

Now he professes (in writing) to have "information that will rock the Moody Bible Institute crowd back on their heels."

Meade McClanahan, a former member of the Los Angeles city council, has been associated with Perkins in some of his recent ventures.

It is reported that B'nai B'rith Jewry is presently supplying him with money. If so, the Jews involved will likely get their fingers burned.

Perkins and Keith Brooks, being closely associated, are two of a kind. Both use falsehood with the same proficiency that other men employ truth.

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The fate of Rev. Vasil Racek of Prague, tells the story of Protestant persecution in that unfortunate Country. The following reports in *Defender* files, arranged chronologically but with dates and the name of the sender omitted for obvious reasons, show what believers are enduring:

(First report) "Brother Racek spent three years in a concentration camp and was permanently disabled by the Gestapo. He has since suffered much at the hands of Czechoslovakian Communists because of his Christian convictions . . ."

(Five months later) "Vasil Racek is serving the Lord. He has been appointed to carry on a missionary program which should net salvation for many precious souls. He needs Christian literature, especially New Testaments and song books. Pray for this field. Communists are active but there is still religious liberty . . ."

(Seven months later) "Brother Racek has been arrested and we fear taken to Russia. I do not expect to see him again this side of heaven . . ."

(Four months later) "Our poor brother has not been heard from since the secret police came for him . . ."

(Two weeks later) "I have been in touch with Mrs. Racek. I fear her husband is no longer with the living."

(Five months later) "Mrs. Emile Racek has taken her little son and gone underground."

(One month later) "Mrs. Racek has been arrested and deported to the Soviet Union . . ."

Such brutal treatment accorded human beings for no crime except that they are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, causes us to wonder if Revelation 6:10 may not be in process of fulfillment before our eyes: "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

In China . . . the red armies are destroying whatever missionary work happens to be in their path. Native Christians are being tortured and put to death, their property taken over and Churches requisitioned. Communist instructors are being installed in religious schools.

The only Christianity which promises to remain will be stamped in the souls of believers. All physical expressions of the Faith such as Church buildings, schools and religious organizations are disappearing. It now appears that the fruit of decades of constructive missionary work will be swept away.

In Bulgaria . . . the New Communist government is putting forth a determined effort to abolish Christianity from its



The above picture of Rev. Vasil Racek, his wife and son, was taken on the streets of Prague shortly before he disappeared.

borders. One of the darkest chapters in all the history of the Church is being written there.

The 15 Protestant preachers chosen by the persecutors to gratify their sadistic passions, were secretly arrested and held for three months, before being put on public display. What they endured in their cells may never be known.

Ferenc Nagy tells about one Valentine Arany who was thrown into a Hungarian cell and "conditioned" for public presentation. But when brought into open court, he retracted his signed confession and started to explain how the police had tortured him. The judge quickly adjourned the sessions and Arany was taken back to prison.

Nagy says: "When Arany again entered the courtroom (the second time) his chin was on his chest and his eyes resembled those of a hunted animal. He not only confessed to all the charges but voluntarily displayed repentance and an inconceivable desire to atone."

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There has been speculation as to how confessions are secured in Soviet jails. The system started with the Moscow purge trials in 1937, when certain accused members of the dictatorship did everything in their power to convict themselves before the court. Some even confessed to crimes which were not committed.

Amazement has been expressed over the confession of Cardinal Mindszenty. Here was a man who had lived for three years with the threat of martyrdom hanging over him. He had discussed it candidly.

As a young priest, he had dared in 1919 to resist the notorious Bela Kun, whose Communist reign of terror lasted four months and claimed the lives of several thousand Hungarians. He faced mobs with courage and was paraded through city streets on vulgar display.

Finally, knowing arrest at the hands of the Communists to be near at hand, he wrote a letter denying in advance any confession that might be attributed to him. He spoke of being drugged into confessing crimes not committed. His aged mother told him: "Son, do not be afraid of death if necessary." Here was a man of seeming iron will and unyielding character.

But following his prison experience he was completely changed. Facing three Soviet judges, he appeared weak, frightened and pale. He seemed devoid of personal will power, eager to make any kind of a confession, no matter how fantastic. What had happened to him?

Was he drugged or beaten and promised more of the same treatment, if he failed to say what his persecutors wished said? Was he given some kind of a drug the West knows nothing about, which makes the victim helpless under the power of another? Was he hypnotized? Was he controlled by black magicians?

Nagy believes "his soul was bisected, then left in suspense for a while, then put



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together again according to a perfect arithmetical formula to fit a precise political design."

With limited exceptions, the attitude of the Bulgarian Protestants in open court followed the Mindszenty pattern.

Rev. Yanko Nikolov Ivanov, the Methodist leader of the Country, prepared his confession with an enigmatic statement which he attributed to Maxim Gorky. It seemed as if the victim might be trying to say, that the statement about to be made, was untrue. These were his words:

"Do not believe in man, because when he is in trouble he frequently lies in order to touch the hearts of men. When he is in a favorable position, he tries to exact their envy. I will now confess my crimes. I will tell you that I am a criminal and a sinner."

Ladin Ivanov Popov, a Pentecostal preacher from a small village, demonstrated amazing resistance under pressure of the persecutors. He stood his ground, declaring himself innocent to the end. When the judge ordered him to "confess," he still refused. I do not doubt that many prayers had ascended from his cell.

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BUT ONE does not have to cross the ocean to find persecuted preachers. The same opposition exists in our own Country, smoldering beneath the surface, ready to strike openly if an opportunity arises. Enemies of Christianity find it more difficult to operate under the American system.

The forces of anti-Christ became brazen and defiant while Roosevelt was alive. Groups like the so-called "Friends of Democracy," built up a line of powerful propaganda designed to connect Fundamentalism with Fascism. L. M. Birkhead, leader of the organization, is a radical leftist who writes "little blue books" for E. Haldeman-Julius, a publisher of atheistic literature.

The foregoing charge appeared in *Life* magazine, accompanied by the blatant falsehood that Hitler had "financed a trip of Fundamentalist preachers to Germany where they were quietly entertained." Pressed for details, the magazine could not name one such minister of the Gospel.

The United States was then fighting a war on the side of Russia. Communists saw an opportunity to punish true Gospel preachers. Certain left-wing Churchmen joined with the enemies of Christ.

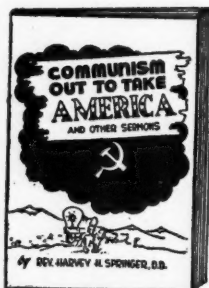
Pastors, evangelists and Bible teachers, loyal to the faith, became conscious of pressure being exerted against them in all parts of the Country. Something was done out of Washington, that caused scores of Gospel radio programs to be suddenly taken off the air. Only preachers approved by the Federal Council of Churches were to be allowed radio time.

The experience of one preacher — Dr. Harvey H. Springer, illustrates what many other men of God endured during that period. His opposition to Communism excited the aversion of left-wing individuals and organizations in the Denver area, where he is pastor of the largest Baptist Church of Colorado.

Radio stations cancelled his programs without advance notice or explanation. Mobs tried to break up his evening worship services. Officials of the Communist Party were permitted to attack him on the air. Denver newspapers conducted a smear campaign which lasted several weeks. His Church members were harassed. Walter Winchell announced over the radio that he was going to be arrested on orders of the Department of Justice. Local Modernist pastors denounced him from their pulpits. A few jealous Fundamentalists joined with the enemies. His life was threatened.

Dr. Springer was brought into court, but this backfired when he won his case, while two members of the Communist Party were found guilty and fined for molesting a religious service.

It finally became known that a mystery man, an alien from Czechoslovakia by the name of Kurt Singer, had been brought in to organize the attack. This man's leftist record is well known. He is currently traveling over the Country in the interests of the B'nai B'rith.



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While haranguing a group of young people against Dr. Springer, in Denver, the man from Czechoslovakia said these words:

"I believe in liquidation in time. In the underground, we have a saying about traitors. Every man will have a fair trial after which he will be hung. We of the underground in Czechoslovakia and Norway, gave them a fair trial and we hung them. We can't do that for the man Springer — unfortunately we can't.

"How shall we fight him? We have to be shrewd. We can go to the Church and take the license number plates of the cars. The so-called Rev. Springer — He can't stop you. (This was later done at a Sunday morning service, to get the names of car owners in attendance, for harassment purposes. Editor).

"Why can't we take the license number plates and publish a list of these names — names of those who attend Springer's meetings. They are small people who go there. They are owners of grocery stores and barber shops. They are afraid of losing their business. If it is known that they are pro-Fascist, they might lose business. They will understand that.

"If the newspapers won't publish this list, you can get leaflets published each week and every month. Just mention that these cars attend un-American activities. Don't say they attend a Church service. It is very legal.

"Some of the outstanding Quislings, Church members, can be called by telephone at 2:00 in the morning. Say 'We just wondered how you were sleeping.' (laughter) It's not illegal to do that.

"Why not send them a card saying they are members of the Nazi International with headquarters in Buenos Aires. Why not send these people the Nazi Iron Cross? You need a good attorney."

As previously stated, Dr. Springer was by no means the only preacher tormented during the time when Communists were being given a free hand by the Roosevelt Administration. His treatment was more severe, however, than that of many others.

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COMMUNISTS operating inside the Government at Washington ordered my imprisonment in 1942. I faced a conspiracy of lies originating from several different sources because of my defense of Americanism against Communism.

Walter Winchell, a spokesman for enemies of Christ, announced over the radio one week before my arrest, that I had been chosen the first of a group of "Fundamentalist men of the cloth" to be sent to prison.

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What a blessed leap the believer takes — from the bondage of legalism, sin, and death into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free! —*Bulletin "Now."*

He said that others would follow, "as soon as the over-worked Department of Justice could come down the list of names."

He made these statements shortly after sending a copy of John Spivak's book to every member of Congress, accompanied by a letter of endorsement. Mr. Spivak was a staff writer for the Communist *Daily Worker*.

I suffered a bitter experience. But our final triumph over the forces of evil, made us stronger, better qualified to serve Christ's Cause. In defending ourselves, we were shielding other ministerial brethren from treatment similar to that now being heaped upon the preachers of Bulgaria.

Some found it difficult to realize, back in 1942 through 1944, that such conditions could exist in the United States. But spy ring exposures have since shown that vicious men, possessing great power, were those days putting forth a determined effort to Sovietize America.

William Power Maloney and John Rogge, prosecutors for the New Deal Department of Justice, were delegated to send the Christians to jail. Mr. Maloney was later removed from office in personal disgrace. Mr. Truman discharged Mr. Rogge following President's Roosevelt's death. The cause against me was finally dismissed by an honest judge who called it a "travesty on justice."

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CHRISTIANS in the United States, both Protestants and Catholics, are faced with a factual situation — namely, that there are anti-Christ forces at work in our Country, ready and waiting to attack, if the Communists ever gain control.

This is a matter for serious reflection . . . a challenge to vigilance and prayer.

A Lesson In Liberty

THE COUNTRY was stirred over the escape episode of Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina, the Russian school teacher, who leaped from a third story window of the Soviet consulate in New York. This lady believed that death would await her if she was returned to Russia.

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SENTINELS OF LIBERTY, in ever-greater numbers, are needed to save the American Republic from its constant step-by-step unconstitutional march to destruction.

While the tune of the march is mis-called progressive, forward-looking, liberal and democratic, sound-thinking Americans are wondering whether the more appropriate tune for what is taking place would not be the *Internationale*.

The future of our Republic largely depends upon the number of new *Patrick Henrys*, fair, factual and fearless, who may assert themselves in the deliberations of the 81st Congress as **NEW SENTINELS OF LIBERTY**, and mince no words in plainly stating that the American people have the right to be told the plain and unvarnished truth as to what is really going on.

In the Colonial Days when Patrick Henry became a firebrand for truth, liberty was being taxed away. Henry was not blind to what was the obvious purpose of George III. Our later Declaration of Independence explicitly charged that:

"He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance."

It is not necessary to deal with *purpose* in this article as regards what is taking place today in the American Republic. It is sufficient to deal with the obvious and necessary *effect* thereof. Is not liberty being plainly taxed away? Are not our

people being harassed and their substance eaten out by heavier and heavier taxes to maintain an ever-increasing global spending-spree, and with multitudes of new offices being erected? Is taxing away liberty on the present-day *grandiose scale* and the erection of multitudes of new offices, with swarms of new officers to augment or facilitate the performance, upon any possible theory warranted on account of its much greater enormity than George III's performance? Or is the present persisted-in *grandiose* taxing away of liberty in the American Republic warranted for any other reason?

Every true American not only owes it to himself to ask, but has the plain right to ask, and to have true answers made to three questions:

Q. 1. Why the betrayal of our Republic in November 1933 by extending recognition to the uncivilized Soviet as a Civilized Nation?

Q. 2. When did our Republic first become an ally or helper of the Soviet?

Q. 3. Is the present so-called "cold war" more than a blind to conceal our Republic's continuing status as an ally of the Soviet?

SOVIET RECOGNITION

Extending recognition to the Soviet as a Civilized Nation upon condition that it keep its uncivilized depredations away from the United States was undeniably as depraved, dishonest and grotesque as would be recognition of a piratical gang as a Civilized Nation upon condition that its piratical depredations be kept away from our country.

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It is well to recall the warning given by the American Federation of Labor leader Samuel Gompers:

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Before our Republic first became an ally or helper of the uncivilized Soviet, those responsible therefor in our Republic were thoroughly aware of the Soviet repudiation of the conditions of its recognition, and its reinauguration of the program for revolutionary overthrow of this Republic.

Less than ten days after the recognition, Earl Browder, then Secretary General of the Communist Party of America, a section of the Third International of Moscow, declared (November 29, 1933):

"In celebrating the victory of the Soviet workers and of the world proletariat won through recognition, the workers of America must realize the striking historical contrast between the giant of socialism (United Soviet Socialist Republics) and the giant of capitalism (United States of America), and find in this victory an added source of strength and determination to fight against American capitalism, for the overthrow of capitalism in the United States and for the establishment of a Soviet America."

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"Foundations of Leninism," by himself, proclaiming:

"The revolutionary will accept a reform in order to use it as a means whereby to link legal work with illegal work, in order to use it as a screen behind which his illegal activities for the revolutionary preparation of the masses for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie may be intensified."

Also in that year (1934), it was brazenly declared in the Manifesto of the 8th Convention of the Communist Party of the United States:

"The revolutionary way out of the crisis begins with the fight for unemployment insurance, against wage-cuts, for wage increases, for relief to the farmers — through demonstrations, strikes, general strikes, leading up to the seizure of power, to the destruction of capitalism by a revolutionary workers' government."

WHAT FOLLOWED?

Such brazen and boastful disclosure of the communist first step in its revolutionary program — "the fight for unemployment insurance," left with our New Deal Administration two questions:

Q. 1. Did it wish to be disloyal to the American people by refusing to withdraw Soviet recognition after Soviet defiance of the conditions of recognition?

Q. 2. If it was determined to be disloyal to the American people in refusing such withdrawal, did it wish to be further disloyal by affirmatively facilitating the beginning of the communist revolutionary program, through the New Deal itself providing early enactment of a Federal Unemployment Insurance Act?

By its conduct since then, the New Deal Administration seems to have definitely answered both questions against the American people.

Not only has it evaded and avoided withdrawal of recognition of the Soviet, Notwithstanding the Soviet has persisted in refusing to become a Civilized Nation, but the New Deal Administration welcomed the opportunity to become an ally or helper of the Soviet. On August 14, 1935, the New Deal Administration had Congress put upon our statute books (49 Stat. 620) a Federal Unemployment Insurance Act (called a Federal Social Security Act), which the Soviet had admitted needing as the first step in its revolutionary program. It has not been disclosed what thanks, if any, the Soviet gave our New Deal Administration for such wonderful help from a Nation for the overthrow of whose system and government the Soviet was actively engaged in illegal activities, and confessedly so.

Just why the Soviet had carefully and deliberately made the communist revolu-

tionary program begin with "the fight for unemployment insurance" was perfectly obvious to the New Deal Administration. It was regarded as providing an excellent opening-wedge for socialism, which automatically aids communism to put an end to individual liberty and free enterprise, as the result of planned economy and governmental paternalism.

In a word, the New Deal saw eye to eye with the Soviet then, as apparently ever since then, in behalf of insidious reversal of the natural order, and displacing the individual's inalienable right to direct his own life and enjoy the economy of abundance, which is the natural fruit of individual liberty and free enterprise, although always depicting the advocated economy of scarcity substitute as forward-looking and progressive and as providing cradle-to-the-grave security and "social gains."

In fact, as early as May 12, 1933 (A.A.A. Act — 48 Stat. 31), the New Deal had already launched its plainly un-American alphabetical bureaucracy, conducting an insidious step-by-step march toward socialism, in betrayal of the pledges to the American people in the 1932 election campaign against "useless commissions" and "extravagance," and for "removal of government from all fields of private enterprise except where necessary to develop public works and natural resources in the common interest."

When the New Deal persists in plans at variance with our traditional and constitutional system, which system the Soviet is confessedly seeking to overthrow, how much trust and confidence can sound-

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thinking Americans be expected to have in earnest conduct against the Soviet by the New Deal of any war, cold or hot? Every member of the 81st Congress should lose no time in finding the answer to this question, and in inaugurating fearless steps in Congress to ensure needed remedy of such an intolerable condition.

STRANGE CONTRADICTIONS

On November 18, 1943, the New Deal Secretary of State Hull, upon his return from the Moscow conference, at which a "Four-Nation Declaration" (by the Soviet, Britain, China and the United States) had been "adopted," told our Congress:

"As the provisions of the Four-Nation Declaration are carried into effect, there will no longer be need for spheres of influence, for alliances, for balance of power or any other of the special arrangements through which, in the unhappy past, the nations strove to safeguard their security or to protect their interests."

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Hull also told our Congress at that time:

"I found in Marshal Stalin a remarkable personality, one of the great statesmen and leaders of this age."

Manifestly, Hull must have a very strange concept of what constitutes statesmanship.

Two years later (in 1945), New Deal Secretary of State Byrnes represented or misrepresented our Republic in another Moscow Conference, from which China was omitted, and the Soviet, Britain and the United States only included, resulting in a Three-Power Pact, pledging the three Nations to a strict policy of "non-interference in the internal affairs of China."

Will the titular heads of our so-called great political parties, or someone in our State Department possessing the knowledge, kindly explain to the American people the purpose of that Three-Power Pact? Everyone who is not blind can plainly see that its effect has been to enable China to be taken over through uninterfered-with communist revolutionary tactics.

BRITAIN'S PLIGHT

Is the New Deal Administration really helping the British people by repeatedly siphoning more and more billions of American dollars into Socialist Britain? Or are such performances really helping the socialist oppressors of the British people to continue in power, while also helping the spending of the American Republic toward ultimate financial chaos and destruction (a boasted Soviet goal)?

Are the British people represented or misrepresented by the socialist regime which came into power through the same insidious methods which are now being used against the American people?

It is not necessary to go further in order to answer the question than to call attention to the undeniable recorded fact (well known to our New Deal State Department, though not to the American people generally) that a 20-year alliance between Britain and Russia was signed in Moscow on May 24, 1942, and that the alliance is so highly prized by the Soviet that a painting of its signing hangs in the Great Moscow Conference Room. Socialist Britain is, therefore, undeniably, an actual and pledged ally of the Soviet, and not a mere secret ally.

Yet the American people are being fed propaganda to persuade them that Socialist Britain is a potential ally of the United States against the Soviet, and also that the other socialist regimes in Europe are likewise potential allies of the United States against the Soviet.

The American people ought to be frankly told the truth, demonstrated throughout history, and confessed and boasted in the Communist Manifesto itself, that every kind and type of socialism is a "pocket edition" of communism, and, therefore, automatically aids it. Concealment from the American people of this undeniable truth cannot be accidental. It is necessarily realized by the persistent promoters of the ever-increasing global spending spree, which is spending our Republic toward destruction, that an end would have to be put to the spree as soon as the real truth is known.

Unless we have largely lost our much-boasted free press, the time has arrived when every loyal American newspaper should carry on its front page, with informative headlines in heavy type, the vital truths which the American people have the right to know in order to see to it that their Republic is saved, and not rely wholly upon political parties, which have no constitutional recognition, and may not lawfully dominate government through party titular heads, conventions or caucuses.

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The mob that had come to Calvary to scoff, but had remained to strike their own breasts, sickened and dismayed as they were by this ghastly murder, returned to their homes, momentarily saddened but definitely convinced that no more would be heard of Jesus of Nazareth.

They would soon learn that the Cross was not the end, that no one could so easily get rid of Christ.

You unbelievers do not use hammer and nails against Christ; you do not lacerate His side with a Roman spear, chiefly because you cannot see Him; nevertheless you are trying to kill Him, tearing Him out of your minds, declaring that

He never existed or, if He did, that His body has decayed in some unknown grave.

Some of you are like George John Romanes, the renowned British scientist. In his early days he made an oft-repeated mistake. Because he was acquainted with natural phenomena, he felt qualified to write on matters of faith, just as though a dentist, a surgeon, a manufacturer, or a Congressman, solely by his position or activity, were entitled to speak as an expert on religion. His book proved him an avowed unbeliever who denied the immortality of the soul; but four years before his death he disavowed his atheism, declaring, "I see now it is Christianity or nothing."

He gathered his household every Sunday for prayer and worship (follow his example if your soul is troubled or your household disturbed); and coming back to faith in a return which electrified the scientific world, he dedicated his last literary efforts to the defense of Christianity. In his final illness his strength waned, but he prayed God that he might live until Easter. The Almighty heard him, and fifty years ago, as Easter drew to its close, he handed his wife a striking confession of faith which he had painstakingly written on the anniversary of his Lord's resurrection. A few days later he died.

May the Holy Spirit so grip your hearts that before this Easter closes, you will realize in personal, contrite conviction that you must not try to crush Jesus out of your lives, reject your crucified Redeemer by telling yourselves that He is

dead and decayed! You cannot kill the living Christ.

NO MORE DEATH FOR THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

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Our text exults, God "raised up Christ from the dead." No doubt or uncertainty lingers in those clear words. The same Saviour who was so "despised and rejected" that even those He had helped turned from Him; the same Son of God on whose lovely but pallid and blood-marked countenance blasphemous soldiers spit; the same crucified Lord who from the Cross had piteously pleaded for water and moaned in torture such as man had never beheld before, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

The same Victim of jealousy, hatred, and unbelief who, as the agony of His soul-breaking punishment began to cut Him off from the land of the living, cried, "It is finished," commended Himself into His Father's hands, and died a death more terrifying than all history's sufferers together have ever died—that same Jesus returned to life, rose again, came forth from His tomb, now to live and reign for eternity. He lives! He lives with blessings indescribably glorious!

In its first benediction the Easter victory seals the truth of God's Word. Old Testament psalmists, prophets, and patriarchs had predicted that Christ's body would not be corrupted, but that He would rule forever. Jesus Himself had plainly prophesied that though the temple of His body were destroyed, He would build it again in three days. Had He remained in the grave and failed to fulfill

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The second Easter blessing is the proof which this day offers for the supreme fact that Jesus is the Son of God, together with the Father and the Spirit, the one and only true, eternal God. No wonder Christ's resurrection has been called the "Gibraltar of faith and the Waterloo of unbelief." Have you known any corpse to speak words that could bring back life to its withering frame? Here in Jesus, however, the Victor over death, is your Lord, the Sovereign of your soul.

As we survey the wrecks and ruins of our bloodthirsty age, all the results of man's madness, does not this day cry out for superhuman Strength, a heavenly Leader, a celestial Source of blessing? What a mess man has made of our world and of our age, but what benediction Jesus, our glorious God, can still grant!

The Christ whom Easter reveals to us, the Christ whom every one of you needs, is the resurrected and living Son of God, for whom there is no more death. He has divine power to help every one of us in our bodily and spiritual need when human counselors fail, to direct the course of this nation when politicians prove helpless, to stop war when diplomats show themselves bunglers or deceivers. If great masses of our fellow countrymen would stop resisting the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus, as His resurrection demonstrated, is the Lord for this crisis; if we would wholly trust Him, the history of the United States could be written in far better lines and with more blessed promise than we have on this anniversary of His resurrection.

The third Easter blessing is the assurance that because the Father "raised up Christ from the dead," He showed the world that the Saviour's self-sacrifice for the sins of all men had been fully ac-

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cepted. The blood sweat of Gethsemane, the hideous torture of the crucifixion which Jesus endured in your stead when on Calvary's high altar He gave Himself as the atoning "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world"—all this is fully accepted by the Father, so that every part of your redemption is completed, every question concerning your salvation fully answered.

Without the Saviour's victory over death you would still be in your sins; but today, every one of you, the underprivileged and the overprivileged, the rich and the ragged, the plain and the polished, the white and the black, the free and the imprisoned, soldiers and civilians, can be reassured of your own personal and completed deliverance.

You cannot accept the Easter Evangel until you receive Jesus as your Saviour! When an Englishman was describing winter in Europe to a native prince in Burma, he told that man who had never felt cold weather about skating and frozen ponds. The Burmese ruler looked at him for a moment, shook his head sternly and exclaimed: "You have told me many wonderful things . . . But I never will nor can believe that water becomes hard enough to walk on. If the whole world told me so, I would not believe it."

He was denying a fact of which he knew nothing; and if you do not know Jesus as your Redeemer, you will not accept His resurrection. We pray God that as the stone was rolled from the Saviour's grave, so the boulders of pride, cynicism, doubt, may be removed from your closed mind, and it may be opened to receive heaven and earth's happiest truth, the Easter assurance that there is no more death for Christ, since He lives to tell you, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Thank God, many of you believe every word of this resurrection Gospel; and because you know it, proclaim it! Across the seas today millions of believers give one another the Easter greeting, "He is risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!" Every Easter I ask my fellow Christians and countrymen to make that a custom within our borders; yet many of you hesitate to mention Jesus.

I read recently of a washerwoman, converted to Christ in her old age, who testified to her Saviour whenever she could. One day it was reported that she was seen speaking of Him to a wooden Indian outside a cigar store. When they asked Aunt Sophie, as she was called, about this, she replied: "Perhaps I did

speak to that wooden Indian about Jesus; my eyesight isn't nearly as good as it used to be; but that is not nearly as bad as being a wooden Christian and never speaking to anyone about Jesus." Too many "wooden Christians" are holding back their testimony to the risen Lord.

NO MORE DEATH FOR THE PENITENT BELIEVER

Above all, however, proclaim Christ's resurrection because His Easter triumph promises all penitent believers that there is no more eternal death for them. Our bodies, of course, will fall victim to temporal death; our hearts will stop beating, and our cold, lifeless, motionless remains will be lowered into the grave.

Yet by the everlasting power of Easter, this will not be the end, according to the infallible promise of God Himself. Listen carefully and trust it with all your soul: "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies."

How sorely frail and fleeting men need Heaven's answer to the questions: What lies beyond the grave? What becomes of me when my breath ceases? The world is now populated by about two billion people; yet every forty or fifty years the entire generation of that many human beings, two thousand million of them, dies and passes into eternity.

Living as we are in the midst of death, then, we ask what happens to the bodies that lie in millions of cemeteries throughout the world? What becomes of those who were drowned in the seas or who were blasted to pieces by bombing? Atheists answer: "That is the end. They return to dust and forever remain dust." Agnostics shrug their shoulders and say: "We don't know, and no one can know." Modernists mumble something about a perseverance of personality. Now ask God, who cannot lie, and our text answers: "He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies." There is, according to the all-truthful Creator, a resurrection of this body, just as the form and features of our Saviour were restored on that first Easter morning.

Although this is the plain and repeated teaching of Scripture, unbelieving men spend fortunes in support of the wildest theories concerning the hereafter. They play with absurdities. Egyptian Pharaohs erected titanic pyramids in which their mummified bodies would be preserved forever; yet no embalmer's art can save

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If the Almighty made us, can He not remake us? If seed sown into the ground decays only to produce blossoms and beauty, why should our earthly remains, sown in corruption, not be raised in glorious incorruption? If even men take rags, filthy, torn and worn, cut them into shreds, crush them into pulp, and then make them into spotless sheets of white paper, cannot the Omnipotent take our ragged, vile bodies and in the resurrection fashion them sinless and stainless like unto Christ's glorious body?

What marvelous mercy this divine pledge, "We shall be like Him!" What a glorious dwelling place—heaven with its holiness and happiness, its pure and painless existence, its endless blessing! No

more death, no more anguish and agony, no more fears and farewells, no more wickedness and wars.

What a radiant reunion there with those who have died in the faith, for husbands removed from wives, parents torn from children, lovers separated here on earth, pastors taken from their flocks—all these together in the new, blessed life! In that celestial homeland, amid splendor too magnificent for our understanding, what blessed privilege of beholding Jesus face to face, of serving, adoring, praising, the eternal Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit!

Should it not be our tireless, ceaseless effort personally to have the assurance of the glorified body and life eternal? This, the greatest benediction our Father Himself can bestow on us, you cannot purchase, receive as a reward, secure by yourself, or acquire through the worthiness or virtues of anyone else. Thank God with me on Easter day, that the heavenly life, the heavenly body, the heavenly glory, are ours by pure and free grace. Through humble faith in Christ as our Saviour the Father gives us this everlasting life that the total earning capacity of men could never acquire, their accumulated wealth never purchase, their combined ingenuity never secure.

May this Easter be for you the day it was in the early Church, the time of bap-

tism and consecration to Christ, the festival for rededication to the faith. If you know the reality of the resurrection, don't live as though your Saviour were still in the grave. Don't shriek at the funerals of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus as though you were "Without God and without hope in this world." Don't live in the misery of unrelieved mourning if your husband or wife has been called to the Saviour. Rather rejoice, because to be with Him "is far better."

Think of Christ and, as many of us who have recently laid loved ones to rest know, heaven becomes closer and dearer when you realize that one whom you cherished beyond all human words awaits you there in the many mansions.

Beloved, through Christ there is no more death. He is risen; He is risen indeed! God grant every one of you the radiance of that resurrection in the everlasting Easter, through the everlasting Saviour. Amen.

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Because of man's sinful state, the demands of the Bible frequently run counter to his natural desires. This often causes him to rebel against its precepts. Rejection of high moral authority could be expected in a world filled with selfishness and greed.

Christianity is rooted in the Bible. This explains why its growth has been attended by violent opposition. Men who hate the written Word also resist the incarnate Word. The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church. The Cause of Christ triumphs over persecution because it is supported by a supernatural Book.

The Bible has survived the fire test of hate. Like the bush that startled Moses, it "burned with fire and was not consumed." It has come out of every furnace more resplendent than before.

The Bible has also survived the acid test by meeting every conceivable objection. It has triumphed over higher criticism, rationalism and skepticism. The best minds of the centuries have perused its pages with pleasure and profit. Sir John Herschel once said: "All human discoveries seem to have been made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths contained in the sacred Scriptures."

A manifesto signed by 617 English scientists, affirming faith in the supernatural character of the Bible, is on deposit in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. The document denies that discoveries of modern science cast any doubt whatsoever upon the validity of God's Word.

These scientists pointed out that scientific achievement remains incomplete but as knowledge increases, the parallelism between the book of nature and the Book of books becomes increasingly evident. Twenty pages were required for their signatures and scientific titles. Some had as many as 15 letters after their names. In signing the manifesto, they were expressing faith that the Bible is inspired in a unique sense, unlike any other literature.

The word "inspiration" appears only

twice in the Bible. Both passages refer to the action of the Spirit of God upon the spirit of man.

Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Humans have three ways for acquiring knowledge, represented by a trinity of r's . . . reason, research and revelation.

First, reason.

This method is narrowed down to the orbit of the five senses. Knowledge acquired through reason may be defective because human nature cannot claim infallibility. Learning comes by comparison. We know that one is one, because it can be compared with two. White is white, because it can be compared with black. *Ad infinitum.*

Men learn to philosophize in the realm of reason. The philosopher asks questions about the mysteries of life and undertakes to work out answers on purely human levels. He wishes to know if there is a purpose in human existence. What is the goal of life?

Philosophy starts by surveying the sum total of knowledge that man possesses. Then by analysis it tries to find a basic fact or principle to use, in evolving a system of rational thought. The philosopher assumes a threefold premise.

(a) The universe is a physical fact and as such invites study.

(b) Man possesses a mind which in some unexplained way makes him bigger than the universe of which he is a part and,

(c) Somewhere there is a principle, which if found, will explain the unity and purpose of the universe.

There are three kinds of philosophers.

The materialist, who insists that matter is the ultimate fact of the universe. Mind is understood to be an emanation of matter.



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Now let these facts linger in your mind, please, while we turn to the next method of acquiring knowledge, according to the arrangement previously suggested.

Second, research.

Modern scientific investigation is geared to this level. The scientist discovers a law in nature. He complies with conditions and realizes results. Another person can follow in his steps and reach the same objectives. Science is knowledge gained and verified.

Imagination and intuition figure prominently in this field. Men of science often visualize in advance, discoveries that do not materialize until later. The human mind has great capacities. The researcher understands in some inexplicable way, that a certain thing is true in nature. After laborious toil he is finally rewarded with a material demonstration.

Speculation is therefore legitimate provided the scientist discriminates between his facts and theories. The subconscious mind is tricky and he may find himself to be on an entirely wrong track. He should therefore avoid presenting hypothesis as fact. That's where the evolutionists have made their mistake.

Not until a law in nature is demonstrated does theory become fact.

I remarked a few minutes ago that there are three ways for acquiring knowledge. Three r's. Reason, research and revelation. We have commented briefly on the first two.

Third, revelation.

Science consists of truth discovered and proved. Christianity consists of truth revealed and experienced. There is no discord between the two sets of facts. The conflict which exists between theories of materialists and revealed truth of religionists, results from a wrong interpretation of natural phenomena.

The Bible is a Book of revelation. The men who wrote it relied upon neither reason nor research. Their source of knowledge transcended the five senses. They were in contact with the Spirit of God.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," said the apostle Paul. "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

The word revelation means "to uncover." The word inspiration means "breathed in." The contents of God's

Word were breathed into the minds of the men who wrote the original manuscripts.

The Bible is the only Book ever written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This makes it unlike all other literature penned by mortal man. The men who wrote the Scriptures were overshadowed by an intelligence higher than human. They were recipients of a supernatural inflow. A special message was breathed into the consciousness of each writer.

The Bible has carried enlightenment wherever it has gone—a fact that can be explained only on the basis of its supernaturalism.

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Jesus regarded the Scriptures as being inspired. He said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

In other words, down to smallest details, the Bible is an inspired Book. The term jot comes from *iota* in the Greek, and means literally the smallest part of anything. The word tittle is from *keratia* and suggests something infinitesimal, shaped like a horn.

When Jesus said tittle, He no doubt had in mind the tiny lines that appear at the base of certain letters. Consistency demands that this remark be interpreted as a reference to the absolute accuracy of the Scriptures, down to the smallest details.

The Master frequently quoted from the Old Testament in His discourses. During

the conflict with Satan in the wilderness. He used three passages written by Moses.

"Command that these stones be made bread," said the adversary. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3.

"Cast thyself down." Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:16.

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13.

There is agreement among secular and religious writers that the life Jesus lived on this earth was the most remarkable ever known to man. Moral purity, loving kindness, patience and spirituality found their highest expression in Him.

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ANY HOPES that leftists may have had of abolishing the Committee On Un-American Activities through cutting off Congressional financial support, were shattered by the short but powerful speech which Representative Rankin delivered from the floor of Congress:

"Mr. Speaker, in a few minutes we are going to vote on a resolution providing \$200,000 for the Committee On Un-American Activities," said the gentleman from Mississippi.

"I hope there will not be a dissenting vote. That Committee has done more to expose the enemies within our gates, who are here plotting the overthrow of this Government and attempting to undermine and destroy everything for which our Country stands, than any other agency of this Government.

"I am no longer a member of that Committee; but I am still giving it my wholehearted and unqualified support. For I am firmly convinced that unless the Committee continues the great work in which we have been engaged, these enemies of our Government and our American way of life, will continue their

brazen efforts to destroy everything for which the Christian people of America stand.

"The persecution of a great religious leader in Europe seems to have awakened some men in this House to the dangers that now confront us. Some of them waited, however, until the Communists had murdered 30-million Christians in Europe.

"Atheistic Communism is largely composed of a racial minority that has swarmed into Europe through the Urals in the last one or two hundred years, and has now swarmed into this Country and constitutes three-fourths of the membership of the Communist Party in America. They seem to be more akin to Pharaoh than they are to Moses.

"Sixty per cent of the members of the Communist Party in this Country are foreign born.

"It is the same old gang that composed the fifth column of the crucifixion. They hounded the Saviour during the days of His ministry; persecuted Him to His ignominious death; derided Him during the moments of His dying agony; and then they gambled for His garments at the foot of the Cross.

"They have been for 1,900 years trying to destroy Christianity and everything that is based on Christian principles.

"They have overrun and virtually destroyed Europe. They are now trying to undermine and destroy America. God save our Country from such a fate."

Everybody knew what Mr. Rankin meant and to whom he was referring. When the vote was taken, 353 voted in favor of the resolution and 29 against, with 53 abstaining. The *Dishonorable Twenty-nine* who defied the will of the

American people and by their vote rallied to the support of Communism in the United States, were:

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THE LAST REPORT of the Committee On Un-American Activities hurt the Truman Administration far worse than White House spokesmen have been willing to admit. It asked what Congressmen's mail from all parts of the Country is asking—why, WHY, does the Executive branch of the Government continue to coddle Communists?

The document denounces the Administration's "alarmingly inadequate" prosecution of New Deal officials exposed as members of the Soviet spy ring.

More than 40 individuals on the federal pay roll, have been exposed by the Committee as members of a conspiracy to keep Moscow informed regarding the Nation's most confidential secrets. Only one, Alger Hiss, has been indicted . . . and Attorney General Clark had to be forced, by outraged public opinion, into making the move.

The Committee calls this "a notable exception," and wishes to know why the Department of Justice fails to do its duty concerning the others. The Administration is spending billions of dollars to restrict Communism in Europe but steadfastly refuses to clean house at home. Letters pouring in upon members of the House and Senate are demanding to know why!

"The disclosures of the Committee should rock our national complacency to its foundations," says the report. High lights of the two year Committee probe,

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conducted during the Eightieth Congress, may be summarized as follows:

(1) Exposure of Soviet espionage in the field of atomic energy. Testimony involved a chemist employed by Columbia and Chicago universities; also Arthur Adams, a Soviet spy found in possession of atomic secrets, but permitted to escape the Country, and others.

(2) Disclosure by Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers, self-confessed Soviet agents, that a spy ring existed inside Government circles from 1934 to 1946 and may still exist. The report shows that top level officials were involved but the Administration refuses to make a move against them.

(3) Breaking of the story regarding Gerhart Eisler's activities as mastermind of the Moscow underground. Although convicted of passport fraud and contempt of Congress, for which he was sentenced two to five years, "Eisler has been permitted to remain at large for nearly two years to carry on his nefarious activities."

His brother Hanns Eisler, a Hollywood Communist, was allowed to depart the Country without prosecution despite "the fact that he had sworn falsely as to his Communist record" at the time of entry. The admittance of this conspirator in the first place, was arranged with the aid of Eleanor Roosevelt.

(4) Revelation regarding Communist penetration of the motion picture industry. This resulted in uncovering treasonable activities in Hollywood which had been hidden from public view for many years and carried on with utmost cunning and duplicity. Ten writers and directors were indicted. Much more could have resulted had the White House cooperated.

(5) Exposure of Communist infiltration of labor unions, including the United Automobile Workers, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers, International Fur and Leather Workers . . . and several other CIO affiliates.

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(6) Startling disclosures of methods used for cloaking red propaganda in the robes of religion. "Communists are two-faced," says the report. "In their secret Party meetings, they make plans to destroy religion. In public, they say religion and Communism should be friends and that both are working for the same goals."

The long list of offenders who use pulpits and denominational literature as mediums for left-wing propaganda included Rev. Claude Williams, Presbyterian; Rev. Benjamin Richardson, Baptist; Rev. William Melish, Episcopal; Rev. Eliot White, Episcopal; Rev. Harry Ward, Methodist; Bishop Lewis Hartman, Methodist; Bishop Francis McConnell, Methodist and others. Periodicals and organizations exposed included "The Protestant," Kenneth Leslie, editor; "The Churchman," Guy Shieler, editor; Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, Methodist Federation for Social Action, etc.

The Committee takes "The Protestant" as an example of religious wolves parading in sheep's clothing. "Its avowed purpose is to 'build a bridge' between Christendom and Communism. Boasts support of 6,000 Ministers but not actually connected with any official religious organization."

(7) Making facts public showing how atheistic doctrines are being spread among our youth, by perverting large segments of the American educational system.

Members of the teaching profession, textbooks, magazines, organizations and schools guilty of betraying mere boys and girls, as well as young people of college age, were put under the spotlight.

(8) Espionage by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, operating as a "legal" Russian organization, was disclosed. Over 3,600 Soviet agents were in the United States in 1947, inspecting defenses, railroads, dams, power plants, airplane and automobile factories. A volume published by Amtorg was described as "a veritable manual for bombing America."

FAILING to destroy the Committee On Un-American Activities, an effort is being made to reduce it to vassal status. The *invisible government*, working in the background here at Washington, driving our Country farther and farther to the left, has decreed that the Committee shall be rendered as "harmless" as possible.

Plans were under way even before the Eighty-first Congress convened, to remove Representative F. Edward Hebert of Louisiana from its membership. Those who are trying to change the American social order into a Soviet state, have reason to fear Mr. Hebert. He has their number!

Being a conscientious newspaper man, he knows the use of words . . . how to assemble them . . . how to fire them at an opponent. When his removal from the Committee was officially announced, he issued the following statement:

"I have failed to be reassigned (or if you care to use the real word, 'purged') to the Committee On Un-American Activities for the Eighty-first Congress. My political integrity is not on the auction block. I am immune to political police

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"I know it displeased some individuals when I refused to play politics as a member of the Committee On Un-American Activities and instead always kept in mind the security of America as my first objective in preference to the machinations and wishes of partisan politicians.

"I sought only the truth and attempted to bring some balance to a rather unsteady procedure. The reward for that contribution is the failure to reassign me to the Committee On Un-American Activities under the rather feeble and puny guise that only lawyers were to be selected on the Committee. An artful device has been effectively employed.

"The denials of reprisal and punitive action are not convincing in view of the facts. The inescapable truth of the matter is that a precedent was broken in failing to reassign me to the Committee. They could not find a legitimate reason so they concocted a flimsy excuse.

"Such methods do not command nor merit the respect of those who believe in fair play. I shall continue to say what I think and do what I say."

WHEN it became known that House Republicans were thinking of assigning Representative Clare Hoffman to the Committee On Un-American Activities, a cry of anguish ascended from the leftist camp.

The veteran Congressman, who has served his Michigan district faithfully since 1934, is a relentless foe of Communist infiltration into the federal Government. He knows the score and is not afraid to act.

Many Democrats, loyal to the traditions of their Party, wished to see him given the position. But New Dealers developed a propaganda campaign to the contrary. And, as has been the case too often for the good of the Country, Republican leaders turned and ran. After much deliberation they reached the solemn conclusion that Mr. Hoffman

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WHILE THE LANGUAGE USED IS TO BE DEPLORED YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD PEARSON WILL BE SHARED BY MILLIONS WHO KNOW HIM TO BE A DANGEROUS PROPAGANDIST TO WHOM TRUTH ETHICS AND DECENCY MEAN NOTHING.

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When Mr. Truman called Drew Pearson an unprintable name, the general public admired his courage, but deplored the language. On page 23 of his book, "Open Letter to Congress," Joseph Kamp says:

"Drew Pearson has long been one of the principal mouthpieces of the Jewish Gestapo. A Washington agent of the Gestapo has been on his payroll from time to time. His principal assistant is David Katz (Karr), a former employee of the Communist Daily Worker."

might be "too outspoken and aggressive" if granted the appointment.

Obviously stung by disappointment, he immediately addressed a letter to Party members responsible for the decision, in which he said: "God knows, the Republican Party needs a little more aggressiveness from a few more people."

"To just what Party successes can some of these opponents of Republican Party aggressiveness point; ever since President Roosevelt, early in 1933, switched from a comparatively sound Democratic platform to his New Deal, the Republican Party has won just one nation-wide election—that of 1946," Mr. Hoffman wrote.

"The fruits of that election we lost by another soft, spineless campaign (1948), one which was the opposite of the aggressiveness my opposition deplores. We have

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had three Presidential elections and eight Congressional elections since 1933. By non-aggressiveness and imitation, we lost the three Presidential elections. We lost seven of the eight Congressional elections.

"We won the 1946 Congressional election, because we were aggressive—a victory for the first and last time since 1933."

Mr. Truman wanted the Committee On Un-American Activities abolished, but was persuaded to drop the idea by members of Congress who predicted that such an attempt would be defeated. Present strategy provides for hamstringing its investigations in every way possible.

The new Chairman, Representative John Wood of Georgia, is sound in his Americanism . . . militant in his opposition to Communism.

PROFESSIONAL LIBERALS who want to change our Government into a collectivist state are dissatisfied with the record of the Eighty-first Congress to date. It is not performing fast enough to suit them. Moreover, it does not seem to be moving in exactly the right direction.

This must be attributed, in part at least, to the fact that members are hearing from the "folks back home" on vital matters.

Promoters of the new idea privately express impatience with the President. They want him to put increased pressure upon those who insist that there is still virtue in the American system of free enterprise. He seems willing to cooperate but the pace is slow because the people are not with him.

New Deal enthusiasts seem to forget that his vote in the last election was more anti-Dewey than pro-Truman. By no stretch of imagination can it be said that a majority of people were expressing preference for Socialism above our Republican form of government.

The charge is frequently heard on Capitol Hill, that acceptance of the schemes currently advanced by the so-called liberals of Congress would result in a CIO dictatorship.

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year ago to scuttle the President, are now begging him to help batter down their opposition. They dictated the platform on which he ran, as a statement of protest for use in building opposition to an expected Republican administration. Dewey upset their plans by snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory!

They were not prepared for the responsibility which the unexpected turn in the election placed upon them. Their approach is therefore negative. They are *against* everything, committed to the task of tearing down, because their program was created for opposition purposes.

NO MAN goes to the floor of the United States Senate better prepared, when he is to speak, than Senator William Langer. And never was he more completely fortified, armed with facts and documentary evidence than on February 8th . . . the day he denounced American atrocities perpetrated against the German people since the close of the war.

"Mr. President, it must be clear now to the American people that there can be no hope of peace whatever, until this Government abandons its role of a hate-happy hangman and restores some semblance of sanity to our relation with the vanquished peoples in Central Europe," said the Senator in his opening remarks.

"I know of no more urgent or crucial problem confronting the American people, and crying for solution, than this problem of how we shall abandon the role we are continuing to play in this victor-and-vanquished drama.

"Is it not astounding, Mr. President, to find that on January 20 President Truman in his inaugural address, deliberately omitted—I say it was done deliberately—any reference whatsoever to this problem. Mind you, he omitted it after he had been told by his various military leaders that Germany was our first line of defense in any war with Russia. He omitted it after it had been made plain by the military leaders and by the various leaders of Churches that it was most important to save Germany from Communism . . .

"The President cannot reconcile what the administration has done on the one

hand, and what it is continuing to do, on the other.

"For his bold new program he is asking \$1,000,000,000 to make available skilled engineering and scientific personnel to undeveloped agrarian peoples. Yet, at the same time he is spending \$1,000,000,000 a year carrying out that murderous blueprint for destruction called the Morgenthau Plan, which calls for exactly the opposite policy, namely, for the pastoralization of one of the most highly industrialized nations on earth.

"Could anything be more savage or moronic, Mr. President, than for this Government to proclaim to the world out of one side of its mouth 'a bold new program' for developing the industrial capacity and standards of living of the undeveloped agricultural nations of the world and then, at the same time, to demand that those nations which have become highly industrialized nations, upon which Europe is absolutely dependent even for maintaining a minimum standard of living, be reduced to the agrarian misery which we are professing to alleviate?"

Senator Langer then showed the necessity of preserving as much of German manufacturing equipment as possible and

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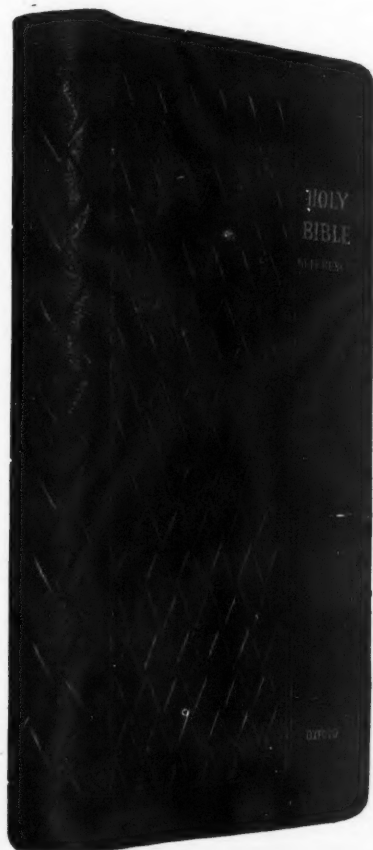
condemned "our senseless policy of destruction of German industry." The dismantling and moving of huge war plants from western Germany to Russian territory, was pictured as the ultimate in asininity.

The Senator next took up the subject of international law. He showed how American arbitrary decrees have permitted sadists to run wild, inflicting injustices upon individual German citizens, to the point where "our conqueror's role has become a frightening enigma." Justice Jackson's part in opening the way for these unspeakable atrocities was mentioned.

"Important as the solution of the economic problems of the world is, it is of secondary importance to the moral and spiritual struggle which we must win. Nowhere is this so important as in the case of the German-speaking peoples.

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and way of life provide safeguards of human dignity, human decency and human freedom — security for individuals under a system of law that guarantees his rights, not only the war and the peace but the whole cause of human freedom will be lost to Communism, in Europe, as well as in Asia."

In conclusion, Senator Langer documented his charges with reports of unbelievable brutalities carried out by members of the American military against innocent Germans. He condemned "third-degree methods used by American prosecutors" to elicit confessions from harmless people. Special reference was made to a Senate resolution he had introduced a few days earlier demanding an investigation of a case involving 12 Germans then awaiting execution.

"Then, Mr. President, on January 29, two days after I submitted my resolution, a Democratic Senator and two Members of the House of Representatives visited Secretary Royall and obtained a 60-day reprieve for 12 of the German soldiers condemned to death in these trials. According to the *Detroit Times*, these legislators 'protested bitterly that the executions would be a blot on American justice before the entire world and might vitally affect international relations with European countries.'

"Now, Mr. President, in spite of all the promises and recommendations of the authorities, we learn that last Wednesday

six more Germans were hung at Landsburg prison.

"Mr. President, a man who is determined to see justice done, and who is determined above all else to preserve the integrity and the principles upon which our whole American system of jurisprudence depends, cannot let this continuing outrage go unchallenged. Where there is so much smoke, there must be a fire raging.

"If these fires are destroying innocent victims, it is an international crime. If these fires are destroying the reputation and injuring the character of American personnel, who have been entrusted with carrying out these orders, it is a national disgrace."

REINSTATEMENT of William W. Remington to a top level position in the Commerce Department, is having a depressing psychological effect upon those who wish to see Communism weeded out of Government agencies. Senator John McClellan, chairman of the Executive Expenditures Committee, called it a "mistake" and branded Remington "to say the very least, careless and indiscreet."

It will be recalled that he was formerly director of the Department's export program, which included decisions on what could be shipped to Russia and other countries in the Soviet sphere. No one has denied that our enemies in the cold war fared well under his management.

Miss Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed ex-courier for the Washington spy ring, testified that during the war she collected Communist Party dues from him . . . and that he delivered secret data to her on war production for transmission to Moscow.

Remington denied these charges, saying that the information consisted of material to which she was entitled, as one ostensibly engaged in research work for Marshall Field's New York newspaper, *PM*. Some have insisted that this admission bordered upon a confession, since *PM* was known generally around Washington as "the up-town edition of the Communist *Daily Worker*."

Advised on February 10th, that the Federal Loyalty Review Board had cleared Remington, Miss Bentley stated: "I would repeat my testimony against him if called again." This action reversed the findings of the Regional Loyalty Board last June, at which time he was dismissed from Government service.

The Commerce Department announced that his new position will "not involve the dramatic issue of national security." He will deal with imports this time, instead of exports. His salary remains \$10,330 a year—with back pay for the period of his dismissal, amounting to about five thousand dollars.

THE FOLLOWING is reprinted from the *Congressional Record*:

Mrs. St. George: Mr. Speaker, the Krupp war plant in Essen, in the British zone of western Germany is still in the process of being dismantled and shipped to Soviet Russia.

It is comical, if it were not tragic, to see the American taxpayers planning to spend \$5,000,000,000 to rearm western Europe, while our allies are diligently dismantling and shipping the biggest steel plant in that section to Russia.

I suppose someone will say that this is merely carrying out the Potsdam agreement.

According to this infamous treaty, Russia was to receive 25 percent of the dismantled plants in the western zone but, and here is the real answer, she was to pay for 60 percent of what she received in goods and food from the eastern zone. To date she has only paid for 7 percent of what she has received.

When is the Congress going to prevent the spending of billions to defeat communism with one hand, while shipping the sinews of war to Russia, with the other?

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Admiral Kolchak in Siberia were likewise destroyed. A new persecution spread over Siberia when the Bolsheviks came into power. Thousands of believers were arrested. Their Church properties were confiscated. The members of these congregations were sent into remote slave camps from whence they never returned.

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ALEXEEV, perhaps the best known evangelist in the regions of Omsk, Irkutsk and the entire civilized portion of Siberia, also was arrested while in the midst of a protracted meeting at Minosinsk. This was in the month of March 1923. The icy grip of winter had not yet been broken. He was dragged to the banks of the Enesei River, disrobed, shamefully mutilated, and beaten with bayonets.

During the several hours of torture Alexeev, now nearly sixty years of age, nevertheless maintained his poise. In spite of pain he encouraged the brethren who were standing within hearing distance, quoting Scripture passages from Revelation 13. Instead of upbraiding his torturers, he prayed for them and entreated them to repent and believe in the only name under heaven whereby men may be saved. This only infuriated his tormentors.

The human monsters proceeded to cut off his lips, nose and ears, and then gouged out his eyes. When he stretched out his hands toward heaven the infuriated mob mocked him. A soldier chopped off his fingers with a single stroke of his saber. Alexeev could no longer speak, but still stood upright. Now he was told to run.

When he had reached the middle of the frozen Enesei River a volley of rifle fire put an end to his sufferings. He sank to his knees, then fell on the ice, a martyr for the Cause of Christ.

In some respects the history of the Church in Russia is like that of the early Churches in Jerusalem and Rome. They too were persecuted and "scattered abroad." Nero used Christians to illuminate avenues leading toward the Coliseum where Christians were fed to the wild beasts. His cruelties were rivaled by the torments which Christians underwent

when Trajan ruled. Bible-believing brethren of Russia have been tortured in like manner. There have been many cases of execution which were like those of the Dark Ages.

I have been amazed at the complacency of many enlightened Americans professing belief in freedom and democracy, who have refused to lift a finger to relieve the suffering of innocent human beings in the Soviet Union. Leftist propaganda has apparently deadened their sensibilities. Thousands of Christians and Russian burghers, as well as German prisoners of war, are still languishing in labor camps under conditions indescribably horrible.

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THE INDIFFERENCE of many professed Christians only echoes the words of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Their blasé attitude puts them on the side against Christ, rather than for Him. The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew classifies such groups. The fact that they excuse the diabolical despotism of Soviet Russia by claiming that forward movements are often ushered in by extreme cruelty, does not relieve them of the responsibility of helping to alleviate the sufferings of millions of innocent victims of Soviet persecution. The international Communist conspiracy to damn the human family can be called a "forward movement" only by those who are so utterly confused that they cannot distinguish between right and wrong.

Modern Russia stands convicted of making war on human freedom—freedom of speech, press and Christian worship. Since World War II this program of extermination continues relentlessly. The possible exception to this rule is Poland, at the present time. It is heartening to learn that that Country is experiencing a revival of evangelism. This must be exasperating to Moscow. One can only hope and pray that the second phase of Communist methods employed to exterminate the Church, may not follow. In other satellite countries, the brief period of religious freedom was always followed by persecution. Latest reports from Poland are to the effect that several of the leaders of the new evangelical awakening have mysteriously disappeared.

In the occupied countries of Europe there are still many thousands of half-starved, homeless Christian refugees who long for fellowship with Christians in America—hoping for relief and liberation. They are looking with tear-filled

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eyes for relief and for the day when their long suffering will come to an end. Many of them feel that the world is already in the throes of the "great tribulation," prophesied to precede the second coming of Christ.

To them, a return to the Soviet Union spells either exile into Siberian forced labor camps or immediate execution.

One could cite a thousand reasons why America's agreements with Soviet Russia, negotiated since the end of the last war, amounted to an irreparable blunder. We should feel shame for having made a "covenant with death" and an "agreement with hell." (Isaiah 28:15).

God has singularly favored America. Unless we take a determined stand to oppose the anti-Christ Communist program for world domination, we, too, may yet witness scenes like those which surrounded the martyrdom of Alexi Nikitch Alexeev.

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Brotherhood Week

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"Unfortunately many of the professional spokesmen and sponsors of Brotherhood Week are hypocrites of the worst type."

THE PERIOD of February 20-27th was set aside this year for observance of Brotherhood Week—a Jewish creation which operates largely through apostate elements within the Protestant and Catholic churches.

This event is officially sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The idea of organizing to promote good will should be commended, provided the program is not merely a cloak to hide a dagger. A spirit of kindness and humility is only too sorely needed in the world today.

But we question if this is the true purpose behind the so-called Brotherhood Week. We honestly believe that the real promoters of the scheme, deep in the background, are animated by an ulterior motive. Some of the sentimentalists, who serve like puppets on the surface, are probably sincere.

Then there is another group of trained propagandists who sit at desks, run the regional offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews over the Country and draw their pay. Their enthusiasm for the kind of brotherhood advocated one week out of each year is understandable.

Unfortunately, many of the professional spokesmen and sponsors of Brotherhood Week are hypocrites of the worst type. Instead of working for tolerance, they spend their time promoting new hates and discriminations.

The publicity campaigns against the famous conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler and the world renowned pianist Walter Gieseking appeared fantastic, when sandwiched between pleas for equal opportunity and brotherly love, on certain radio broadcasts during the Week.

According to *Newsweek*, February 7, 1949, the groups and individuals which

conducted the hate campaign against Gieseking, in addition to Walter Winchell, were all Jewish or Jewish inspired, some with left-wing adherence. Here is the *Newsweek* list of the haters: Jewish Congressmen Emanuel Celler and Arthur G. Klein, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, American Veterans Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish War Veterans, and the Nonsectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Remember, please, these are the groups primarily responsible for the "tolerance" and "brotherhood" pleas. They should start with themselves, otherwise people will soon begin to believe they want only tolerance and civil rights for Jews, and no one else.

Walter Gieseking, the great German pianist, was cleared by both the American Military and a German de-Nazification court. American music lovers begged him to return to this Country for a concert tour. Thirty-eight appearances were booked starting in January this year. The first was scheduled for Carnegie Hall, New York, January 24th. The auditorium's 2,670 seats were sold out weeks in advance.

Gieseking arrived by plane January 22nd, with full knowledge and permission of the State Department, at which time a Government official said: "There is not a scintilla of evidence to support the accusation that he has been pro-Nazi."

But Jewish pressure became so great that Gieseking was flagrantly insulted, and forced to start back toward Europe, a few hours before the performance was

scheduled to begin. Not knowing that this had been done, a picket line of several hundred Jews was thrown around Carnegie Hall for one of the most disgraceful performances ever witnessed on the streets of an American city.

The incident had an upsetting effect upon Government foreign policy, which provides for the restoration of German-American cultural relations to help build opposition to Communism among the peoples of Western Germany.

The *Chicago Tribune* says in an editorial:

"Even if it were true that Gieseking was once a roaring Nazi, which military government says isn't so, he presented no particle of danger to this Country on January 24, 1949. He wasn't going to make inflammatory speeches, organize sedition, throw bombs, or do anything more menacing than play the piano.

"To say that his presence here was prejudicial to the national interest is to say that it is prejudicial to the national interest to hear the piano played with grace and sensibility. To say that the national security was involved is to say that a concert grand is a lethal instrument.

"What happened, of course, is not at all obscure. Walter Winchell, whose ignorance is as profound as his taste is bad, set up a hue and cry against Gieseking. Whether Winchell excited the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish War Veterans and the Anti-Defamation League, or whether they excited him, we do not know; and it is, of course, possible though not likely that all four were acting independently. At any rate, the administration which had previously granted a visa to Gieseking fell into a panic of fear at the sight of so many votes and, in a star chamber proceeding, ordered Gieseking arrested.

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There is no worse offender in the United States than Winchell, a newspaper scandal monger and radio vulgarian, who has ready access to press and radio for reaching the public. A self-styled champion of so-called civil rights, etc., he is perhaps America's king of hypocrisy. The insincerity of his purpose is clearly revealed by his past record. His nauseating abuse over the radio and through newspaper columns of the great Italian singer, Tito Schipa, his open boast of putting the finger of public ridicule and hatred on this artist, and the case of the world's greatest soprano, Kirsten Flagstad, whom he subjected to the most outrageous vitriolic smear campaign we have yet seen, can leave no doubt in the mind of any intelligent man as to Winchell's true character. It is amazing that those who champion brotherhood and tolerance do not repudiate him as one of its promoters. Instead, he was given a medal last year for his promotion of "tolerance."

But Winchell is merely one of the hypocrites in our midst—though a leading example of the hypocrisy that pervades the world today, and a very good reason why the ideals of brotherhood and tolerance are not being as sincerely accepted as they should be.

Turning to the hullabaloo to keep Dr. Furtwangler from conducting the Chicago Symphony next season merely because he stayed in Germany during the reign of Adolf Hitler, we witness another gross injustice. Many disgusted Americans stayed in their Country during the reign of Franklin Roosevelt. In fact, his coddling of the Communists, sometimes made them almost ashamed of being Americans.

Furtwangler loved Germany just as many Americans love their land. Such people knew that Hitler and Roosevelt were fleeting figures on the stage of history. Their Country was all that mattered; the political party in power was but a passing phase of history.

In the case of Wilhelm Furtwangler, the only leading musician to speak openly in favor of the German conductor was Yehudi Menuhin, the world famous Jewish violinist. Menuhin said: "He behaved well—as well as could be expected of a man who is entirely German, who is a good German in the best sense of the

word. There is no reason for him to suffer. The man has been cleared by a German de-Nazification court. If he is cleared by those most interested, then it is not our business to judge further."

Menuhin did more by this brave statement to promote brotherhood and tolerance, than all the speechmaking and broadcasting by the Winchells and Church apostates combined. We will not be surprised to find that Yehudi Menuhin joins Rabbi Schultz in being listed as an anti-Semitic Jew by some of the various tolerance organizations who claim they are against persecution, but are in reality past masters at the art of persecuting others.

And so, unfortunately, until those who chant brotherhood and tolerance, but really further persecution and hatred, see the evil of their ways, the term Brotherhood Week might well be changed to Hypocrisy Week.

ADDENDUM

In the interim between the time when

this article was written and its delivery to *Defender* editorial offices, the writer had the pleasure of hearing the great soprano, Kirsten Flagstad, with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Outside the concert hall was a picket line composed of students from Wayne University, calling themselves "American Veterans Committee." They were mostly Jews. This caused on-lookers to tell them to go "join the Stern Gang." A clear demonstration of the Winchell type of tolerance! He initiated the attacks on Flagstad.

Inside there was standing room only. Flagstad sang gloriously. She was cheered and applauded so terrifically that it was hardly possible for her to leave the platform. Everyone asked: "Who causes anti-Semitism?" The answer in this case was: *the Jews themselves*. They appear at times to be their own worst enemies.



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EL IMPARCIAL is the name of the most widely read newspaper in Puerto Rico. It is of course published in the Spanish language.

The front page headlines reproduced below, relate to a series of startling developments in which a native Defender preacher recently became involved because of his loyalty to the Gospel of Christ. His name is Ezequiel Cruz. He graduated last year from the Defenders Theological Seminary at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Ezequiel comes from a community in

Despite his humble background, our friend did well at the Seminary. His grades were average. No student manifested greater zeal in accepting assignments for practical work than did he.

After completing his studies, Ezequiel went back to Cupey, assured of the support of a Defender friend in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, who agreed to supply \$20.00 a month . . .

This, incidentally, is the plan on which Defender Missionary Chapels operate. Trained native leaders do the work on the field, while Christians in the United

The people of the Cupey area live in abject poverty. They work in sugar cane fields, which means that employment is available only about three months out of the year, at an average of \$1.50 a day. Economic conditions are unbelievably bad.

How these poor people manage to eke out an existence, remains a mystery to visitors from the outside. I discussed this matter with a native Puerto Rican who, seemingly resigned to his fate, said with simplicity: "We live, we suffer, and we die."

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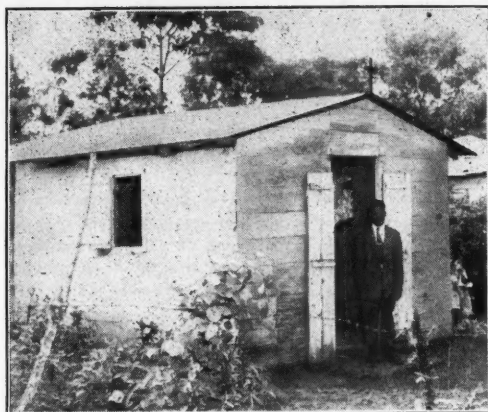
the interior called Cupey — which, if compared with certain other communities on the Island, would be considered a very backward locality. No Church ever existed there until after Ezequiel's conversion, when he established a place of worship during his Seminary years. His little building (shown on the opposite page), erected by native Christians at great sacrifice, was destroyed by termites. The word "Cupey" is of Indian origin. It is the name of a rural district rather than a town. Ezequiel is 33 years old. He is married and has three children.

States contribute \$20.00 a month to make the ministry possible. *Each contributor has his own Chapel . . .* is sent pictures and regular monthly reports.

Ezequiel knew that above everything else, the people of his community needed a Church. Having seen his first frail building practically destroyed, he resolved to erect another one of stone blocks at the same place. Such a structure would be able to resist termites. His home, consisting of a thatch-roofed hut, is about a hundred yards from the site.

Their dwelling places are mere shacks. Little children go naked. Adults go barefoot. Everybody appears undernourished. There are no furnishings in the homes, as the average American knows furniture. Lack of proper sanitation produces sickening odors and contributes to the spreading of disease.

But they respond quickly to the Gospel when it is preached. Acceptance of the message automatically raises living standards, in spite of adverse economic conditions. We have witnessed some wonder-



Ezequiel Cruz standing at the entrance of his humble Church in the deep tropics . . . which is now being replaced by a permanent structure made of stone blocks.

ful transformations of families in Cupey under the ministry of Ezequiel Cruz.

People walk great distances, through fields of sugar cane and over mountain trails, to attend meetings. They love to sing. Although no musical instruments are available except the native maracas for keeping time, and an occasional guitar, they express the Christian joy that fills their souls by singing. They remain reverent when the Scriptures are read and the Gospel preached.

We are seeing a steady stream of conversions at Defender Chapels in various parts of the Island. Not all who make public professions of faith remain true. This must be expected. Some seed is sure to fall on barren soil. Our Lord anticipated that this would be the case, according to Matthew 13:18-23. But a sufficient number of converts have continued their growth in Grace to make possible a permanent Church in Cupey.

This is only one of scores of similar worship centers in Puerto Rico—through which native Christians are evangelizing their own people. Several of our Chapels

now have supporters in the United States . . . but many do not! Some are on the verge of closing for the want of financial sustenance.

An offering blank is provided at the bottom of this page, as a convenience for those who may wish to share in the work. We have at Wichita headquarters the following list of Chapels, for which immediate financial support (\$20.00 a month) must be arranged if they are to continue:

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EZEQUIEL'S Chapel friend in Pennsylvania, is finding it possible to finance the purchase of necessary materials for the new building, in addition to keeping up his monthly pledge of twenty dollars. The Christians at Cupey are doing the construction work.

Local opposition began to develop soon after Ezequiel started preaching. It smoldered secretly for a time, but came to the surface when his first building (shown on this page) was erected. One man, more than others, seemed to resent the coming of the Gospel into the community.

Hatred became intensified when it was announced that Cupey was to have a permanent place of worship made of stone blocks. Ugly rumors began to circulate that Celestino Gonzalez—the man mentioned above, was threatening to kill the Defender preacher.

To the distress of Ezequiel's friends, he refused to take precautions or do anything to protect himself . . . simply saying that he was praying for the man who had become his chief enemy.

I visited Cupey, Sunday, January 23rd, without advance knowledge that an article describing the problem of our friend was scheduled to appear in *El Imparcial* on the same day. The publicity did not seem to impress him in the least. From all visible appearances he gave the matter little thought. Meetings are held in the open air and inside his cabin, while the new building is under construction.

Celestino Gonzalez had fired five shots at Ezequiel, from a pistol, a few days earlier. Fortunately none took effect. Failing in this, he set Ezequiel's house on fire during the night. The flame was extinguished before it did much damage.

Information regarding these events finally reached law enforcement agencies in the capital city of San Juan. Officers were sent out to take Gonzalez into custody. Thereupon the prosecutor summoned Ezequiel to appear against him in court.

"But I can't do that," said the preacher.

"Why not?" asked the prosecutor.

"Because I am a Christian," was the reply.

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THE FOREGOING narrative explains how the article of January 23rd came to appear in *El Imparcial*—an English translation of which is as follows:

"An evangelical preacher (of the Defenders of the Christian Faith) came near being burned to death with his wife and

children, but he has forgiven the man who admits having tried to commit the crime. Meanwhile, the man has been converted to the Christian faith and says he will never again try to harm anyone. The preacher is content to leave matters stand as if no crime had ever been attempted.

"Ezequiel Cruz is an evangelical minister at Barrio Cupey and Celestino Gonzalez, a neighbor from the same rural district, fired at him five times without inflicting a wound. He also attempted to burn the place where the preacher lives and destroy his Church.

"Last Friday, when police officers were ready to begin prosecution, Ezequiel Cruz

asked that the charges be dropped. He told of having spoken with the man who tried to murder him, and that a change had taken place in his life through Christian conversion. Moreover, Celestino Gonzalez had expressed sorrow over his actions and promised that he would cause no more trouble.

"Since a serious transgression of the law has been committed, it is not known what line of action the prosecutor will pursue. But one thing is sure, there remains no prosecuting witness to appear against the man and the charges may therefore be dropped."

Translated into English, the Spanish heading of the article appearing on page 24 says, "PASTOR FORGIVES ONE WHO TRIED TO SLAY HIM."

on this point. The plea so often made for the heathen that they are living up to the light they have is meant to be charitable, but it rests on ignorance of plain fact.

The heathen themselves as a rule make no such claim, for they well know the opposite to be true. Without entering here upon the question of possible exceptions to the rule, the undeniable fact is that the great mass of heathen today are living in the wilful indulgence of gross sins of every sort. Unless, therefore, divine law is to be abrogated, they must be visited with the penalty of sin.

The Word declares that "the wages of sin is death," with no hint that such statement applies less in one part of the world than another. God's only remedy for sin is salvation through Jesus Christ. John 3:16 declares the glorious news of this salvation, but no less plainly does this verse declare the doom of all men outside of Christ, when it says, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

After all, perhaps the most convincing arguments for the heathen's need of Christ is found within our own hearts. If I can get along without Christ here, then I may conclude that the heathen can likewise get

along without Him there. But if only Christ can cleanse *my* sin, and give peace to *my* guilty conscience, who else but Christ can do the same for *them*? By our own confessed need of Christ, and our own conscious salvation in Him, do we establish the need of every other man for Christ as his only Saviour.

Without a question, this current unbelief or half-belief regarding the absolute need of the heathen world for the Gospel is cutting the nerve of missionary zeal and effort. It is a logical conclusion that the cost entailed in carrying the Gospel to the heathen is too great unless the heathen are in the greatest spiritual peril. Only where desperate need exists is unlimited sacrifice demanded or even justified.

Hudson Taylor, when near the end of his life, testified that he would never have thought of becoming a missionary but for the deep conviction of the lost condition of the heathen and their utter need of Christ. Brainerd, Martyn, Carey and Judson all held the same conviction, and the heroic and effective missionary careers of these men must be interpreted in the light of that conviction.

When Christians get back to the Book on this point, as well as every other, and accept its plain and solemn verdict regarding the heathen, a new day of missionary concern and effort will follow.

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It is distressing to discover how few, comparatively, appear to have any clear, Scriptural conception of missionary responsibility. The great majority of professing Christians give the matter little or no thought at all. Statistics tell the shocking tale that only one third of the Protestant Churches and only one fourth of the Protestant Church members of America make any contributions to missions.

Many others conceive of missions at most as a philanthropy, a charity extended to people for whom they bear no responsibility, so that anything they may give or do for the heathen is just so much to the good and quite beyond that which constitutes their duty.

How different is the Scriptural conception as expressed by the great missionary apostle Paul! Even after his missionary labors had already covered the extensive territory of Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece, he wrote to the distant Romans: "I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians . . . so, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are in Rome."

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Gossip is sometimes that which goes in both ears and comes out the mouth greatly enlarged.

Holiness is simply Christ in us fulfilling the will and commands of the Father.

May it please your majesty to remember that the Church is an anvil which has worn out many hammers.

—Theodore Beza,
to the King of Navarre.

Hypocrisy in one generation is generally succeeded by atheism in the next.

Evil cannot really harm us so long as we hate it.

I'm in favor of every man reaching his own conclusions and his own confusions.

—John Nance Garner.

The surrender of life is nothing to sinking down into acknowledgment of inferiority.

—John C. Calhoun.

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.

—Thomas Jefferson

We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

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We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power . . . The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

—Patrick Henry.

One country, one constitution, one destiny.

—James Monroe.

There is nothing so powerful as truth — and often nothing so strange.

—James Monroe.

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

—Daniel Webster.

Sir, I would rather be right than be President.

—Henry Clay.

I am now to take leave (perhaps a last leave) of the country I love and in which I have spent the greatest part of my life. *Esto perpetua.* I wish every kind of

prosperity to my friends; and I forgive my enemies.

—Benjamin Franklin.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

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The Law of the Harvest. "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." Job 4:8.

My Brother and I. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9.

Paul Answers David. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3. "The foundation of God standeth sure." II Timothy



Dr. Shuler

2:19. "Other foundation can no man lay." I Corinthians 3:11.

Breeding and Growing Death. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15.

A Circuit Rider's Sermon. "I am the light of the world." John 8:12. "That ye may be the children of the light." John 12:36. "Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14.

The Truth We Will Not Face. "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth . . ." Luke 16:23.

God's Atomic Energy. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.

When is it finished? "On him they laid the cross, that he should bear it after Jesus." Luke 23:26. "It is finished." John 19:30.

Getting Set for Time and Eternity. "In righteousness shalt thou be established." Isaiah 54:14.

A Cure for the Incurable! "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Romans 1:32.

Battling the Stars. "The stars in their courses fought against Sisera." Judges 5:20.

Dr. Shuler is a master in the art of painting word-pictures. His illustrations leave vivid impressions in the mind and memory of the reader. For instance, when desiring to emphasize the sense of security that comes into one's life, when anchored to the rock-ribbed doctrines of the Faith, he does it this way:

Many years ago I was fishing on a barge several miles off shore from Manhattan Beach, California. My boy Bob, then a little fellow, was with me. Several friends were along. The owner of the barge was called Bill. I have known him for twenty years and do not remember ever to have heard his last name.

The barge was called "Bill's barge." It was a clear night. The stars were out. We could see the lights some five miles away in the cottages along the beach. My wife was in one of those cottages. Suddenly Bill grew uneasy. He kept looking to the west. He paced the deck. I asked him if anything was wrong. "You see that cloud," he said. "I'm afraid we're in for something."

There were no shore boats plying at that hour. We watched the cloud. It came swiftly and struck with terrific force. If you have ever weathered a "Santa Ana" on the Pacific coast, you know something of that wind—a wind that uproots great trees and sweeps everything before it. The storm beat the sea into a froth. It swept the waves over our little barge as though it were a plaything. We tied the little boy, Bob, to a timber and prayed.

I became aware of a grinding noise. It was constant, unceasing. I asked Bill its meaning. "That's the anchor slipping," was his grim reply. I knew the meaning of that. I had seen too many little boats upon the rocks of that shore line. We lowered another anchor. It was the only anchor remaining. But the noise continued.

A terrible blackness was about us—not a gleam of light from anywhere. And all the time that blood-chilling noise of

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson Number 1

March 20, 1949

CHRIST TRAINS HIS HELPERS

Mark 6:30-32; Luke 11:1-13.

MEMORY TEXT: "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Apostles."

The first apostles, personally chosen and commissioned by Jesus, had a responsibility unique in the history of the Church. These are called the Twelve and included Matthias, successor to the traitor Judas. They had power to work miracles (Acts 5:12-16). They were inspired (John 16:13).

Paul ranked with the Twelve, but did not possess all the qualifications enumerated by Peter (Acts 1:21-22). The apostolic office also provided for the establishing of Church congregations (II Corinthians 11:28).

The word "apostle" comes from a Greek term meaning an "ambassador sent forth." An ambassador is one who represents his government on foreign soil. Twice-born believers are members of the spiritual kingdom. Paul says their "conversation (citizenship) is in heaven." They represent Christ in alien territory—namely, the world. Persons who receive commissions are directly responsible to the one by whom the commission is given. So today, we find the Twelve reporting on "all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."

The Baptist had just been murdered. Sadness filled our Lord's heart. He sought privacy for prayer, meditation and consultation with His helpers.

"Come ye yourselves apart." This is what He says to us today. Come away from the world, the appetites and the desires that bind souls to carnal levels. The Christian life is meant to be a *separated*

life. Thus removed from the dominion of the flesh, we can sing, "Alone with God the world forbidden . . . alone with God, Oh pure delight."

(2) The Key Verse is Luke 11:1.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

Who has not, at some time, while hearing a fervent prayer uttered with deep feeling by another, also said—"Lord, teach me to pray." Where is there a Christian, who passing through some great trial, has not felt the need of increased strength through prayer?

Sometimes the heavens seem like brass. There is so much of *ourselves* in the way, that hinders prayer! With the Twelve, we want to cry out for divine direction. Paul likely had this in mind when he wrote Romans 8:26-27.

(3) The Key Fact is That Jesus Gave Us a Model Prayer.

The prayer-pattern Jesus gave is greatly condensed and general in scope. It was given as a guide, rather than a ritual.

According to the Latin fathers and the Lutheran Church, the petitions of the Lord's prayer are seven in number. The Greek Church, the Reformed Church and Westminster theologians, say six—the two last being regarded as one.

The first three petitions have to do exclusively with God: "Thy name be hallowed, 'Thy kingdom come,' 'Thy will be done.'" These petitions occur in a *descending* scale—from His person down to the manifestation of Himself in His kingdom . . . and from His kingdom to its subjects, involving the complete doing of His will.

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The remaining four petitions have to do with ourselves. "Give us our daily bread," "Forgive us our debts," "Lead us not into temptation" and "Deliver us from evil." But these occur in the *ascending* scale—from bodily wants of daily life, up to our final deliverance from all evil.

Lesson Number 2

March 27, 1949

NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS

Mark 7:24-37.

MEMORY TEXT: "He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." Mark 7:37.

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Greek."

Jesus was concerned, at this stage of His ministry, with the manner in which it should be publicized. This is suggested by two incidents in today's lesson:

(a) He slipped quietly into a house to avoid the crowds, "but could not be hid."
(b) After healing the mute, He asked the spectators not to discuss the incident . . . but "so much the more a great deal they published it."

Although Tyre and Sidon were Phoenician seaports, our Lord was surrounded by both Jews and Gentiles. When the Grecian woman came seeking healing, He being sensitive to the racial likes and dislikes of those present, voiced the Jewish attitude . . . and then by granting the woman's request, showed it to be wholly wrong! This added to the animosity of the Jews toward Him. He had encountered the wrath of the Pharisees a few days earlier.

It was a common custom for Jews to refer to Gentiles as "dogs." This false notion of racial superiority had its origin in the Talmud—a compilation of immoral writings accumulated from the pens of priests and rabbis, starting during the Babylonian captivity.

Talmudism and the Gospel of grace are contrasted in this narrative. Matthew gives more details. He says, "the woman cried after them . . . She worshipped him,

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saying, Lord, help me." Such an appeal, wrung from the heart of a penitent, commands the attention of the Christ, no matter the racial boundaries involved.

Matthew gives the record that, "her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

(2) The Key Verse is Mary 7:24.

"But he could not be hid."

Jesus really wished to be alone. Hatreds were being generated against Him by the Pharisaic party of Judaism. Nothing was to be gained by fanning the flame. John the Baptist had just been beheaded. The Master preferred to be out of the public eye. He also wanted to be alone with His disciples for inner teaching. They needed special instruction for the tasks ahead. But he could not be hid!

There is always a popular demand for the genuine article. Friend and foe alike knew that Jesus Christ was no quack. Isaiah's prophecy (53:9) was in process of fulfillment before them. "Neither was any deceit in his mouth." See also I Peter 2:22.

The world is quick to recognize reality and detect empty profession. If Christ is dwelling in you, He cannot be hidden.

(3) The Key Fact is That the Gospel is For All.

Every son of Adam, regardless of racial background, is a subject in need of salvation. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." We have a missionary obligation to "all the world," whether the people within our reach are cultured and civilized, or backward and undeveloped inhabitants of the bush. All are plagued by the sin problem.

The Jewish idea of racial superiority reflected in today's lesson, was abrogated by our Lord's willingness to answer the prayer of the Syrophenician woman.

Lesson Number 3

April 3, 1949

FACING CALVARY

Mark 8:27-38; Luke 9:27-36, 51.

MEMORY TEXT: "He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51.

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Cross."

The events of today's lesson mark perhaps the most important turning point in the ministry and earth life of Jesus. The

days of great popularity were almost over. Jewry had made its decision that He must die. The race, blinded by Talmudic teachings, was ready to assume full responsibility for His murder. Later, standing in the shadow of the Cross, they cried: "His blood be on us, and on our children."

The Master understood the conspiracy and told His heart-broken friends that, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be killed." He knew what awaited Him. His death had been fore-ordained in eternity, but this did not mitigate the guilt of those who yielded themselves instruments of Satan, to commit the crime.

Our Lord wished to be alone with the disciples during the final hours of preparation. It is significant to note that during this retirement, like the three previous occasions, He went into non-Jewish territory where Greek influences prevailed. The group journeyed north to the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi. In these quiet surroundings, the deepest secrets of the Godhead which human beings are capable of grasping, were revealed to the disciples.

On one occasion, "His countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering." Moses and Elias were present. But the focal point of the conversations was Calvary . . . and that lay directly ahead. The transfiguration experience was accompanied with a statement regarding "his decease which he must accomplish at Jerusalem." Events

about to transpire on earth, had already been shaped in eternity.

There was no coercion in the Godhead when Christ died to ransom lost mankind. Father, Son and Holy Spirit cooperated freely and voluntarily (Philippians 2:6-8). At no time do we see Jesus hesitating or under the slightest compulsion.

(2) The Key Verse is Mark 8:29.

"Thou art the Christ."

The air was filled with rumors about Him. Hence the interrogation: "Whom do men say that I am?" Several reports were quoted. Then the question was made personal: "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered for the group: "Thou art the Christ."

There was to be no doubt, in the minds of the Apostles and the future testimony of the Church, as to the identity of the One who would soon shed His blood on the accursed Tree. Only the Eternal Son of God could pay the penalty of man's redemption.

Peter's confession stands to this day, the greatest, most significant single utterance ever to fall from human lips . . . *Thou art the Christ.* What a pity that, after nineteen centuries, there are men entrusted with the responsibility of leadership in the Church, who deny this fact and try to pull Christ down to the level of mere man! If intellectually honest, such men would vacate their pulpits.

(3) The Key Fact is That the Cross Was Not an After Thought With God.

Calvary is the core of Christianity. This world-shaking event did not come as an after thought with God. When man fell, thereby making the vicarious atonement of the Eternal Son necessary, God was not taken by surprise. The infinite mind knows the end from the beginning. The Cross is presented in types and symbols throughout the Old Testa-

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ment. Psalm 22:16 is an example: "They have pierced my hands and my feet."

Jesus came to earth as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8.

Lesson Number 4

April 10, 1949

JESUS' LOVE FOR CHILDREN

Mark 10:13-16, 35-52.

MEMORY TEXT: "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." Mark 10:44.

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Child."

We are invited in this lesson to study about events that took place during the last six months of our Lord's life on earth. He was ministering in a division of Palestine called Perea.

The work was interrupted by two short trips to Jerusalem. (John 7:11 and John 10:22). Both of these brief stays were marked by severe clashes with temple authorities. Jewish leaders who made big money from the sale of birds and beasts for sacrificial purposes—not to mention profits from money changing, resented His interference with their business.

The third and final trip for the Passover, witnessed the closing in of His enemies and the crucifixion.

Many people sought out the Lord for help at Perea. Parents, in some instances, brought their infants and small

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those two anchors grinding over the bottom of the sea!

Suddenly the storm abated. It went as swiftly as it had come. As the sea quieted, the lights of Manhattan Beach gleamed through the disappearing clouds. We were within less than a mile of the shore. From that hour I have prayed for an anchor that will hold. And thank God I know where there is such an anchor.

Though the angry surges roll
O'er my tempest driven soul
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure
That shall evermore endure.

And it holds, it holds, my anchor holds.
Blow your wildest then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail,
For my anchor holds, it holds, it holds;
My anchor holds!

children. Well-meaning disciples interposed, to save their Master what appeared to them to be a senseless annoyance and interruption. His ministrations were for grown up people!

"But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased." He invited the little ones into His presence, saying: "Of such is the Kingdom of God."

Children are naturally trustful. They depend upon the care and guidance of their parents. This should be our attitude toward the Heavenly Father. They are not averse to being carried and tenderly watched over when in danger, nor have they learned to be arrogantly independent and self-sufficient. Their hearts and minds are pure. In these and other respects, children of God should try to imitate them.

(2) The Key Verse is Mark 10:45.

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The plea of James and John for the two places of highest honor in the future kingdom, must have been somewhat disheartening to the Master. What a request, after all that they had seen and heard!

But His reply was kind, considerate and gentle. "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" The two were doubtlessly sincere when they expressed willingness to endure such suffering.

As for James, his martyrdom came first. John, after going through all the persecutions of the infant Church at the hands of the Jews, was subjected to further inhuman treatment by the Romans during the sunset of life.

They were dear believers and blessed men in spite of the unworthy ambition expressed in their request. Their Lord knew what was ahead of them. This was no doubt the cause of His gentleness in reproving them.

(3) The Key Fact is That the Truly Great Are Those Who Serve.

Jesus used the request of James and John to explain the law of service. The one who goes down the deepest in self-denial, humility and blessing to others, shall rise the highest. The abasement of the Son of man, transcending all others, gives Him the right of highest exaltation.

Our lesson shows that the Eternal Son come to minister. This is generally acknowledged, but different interpretations are placed upon the nature of the ministry. Modernists and Social Gospel advocates stop too soon. They ignore the fact that He came as more than a teacher, but to "give his life a ransom for many."

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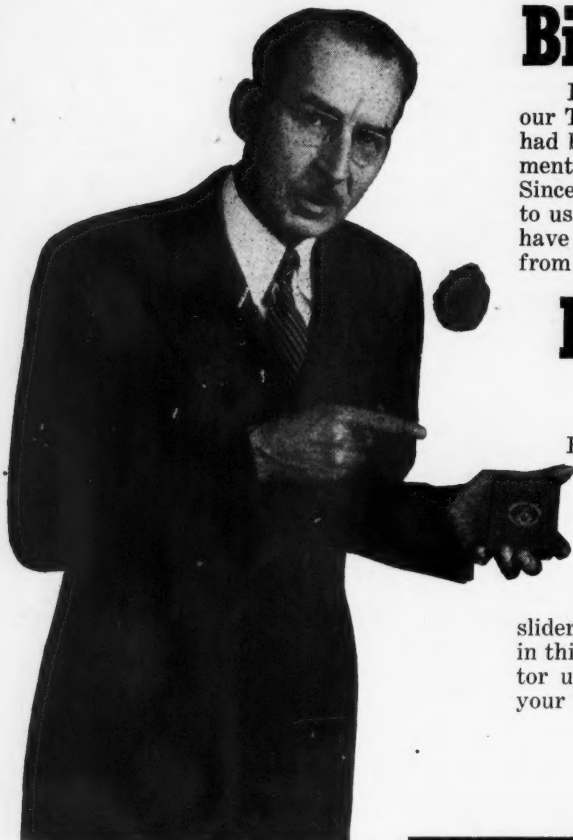
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